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*One Solar Cycle of Contesting From a
Television News Van*
by J Scott Bovitz, N6MI

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From the Prez . . .

Pat, WA6MHZ

SDDXC Meeting on Zoom

Time: Feb 24, 2021 06:30 P.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2021

Our January meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing application. We had 29 participants. We did not check for guests this month.

At 6:39 P.M. Eric Gruff, NC6K called the meeting to order.

From 6:42 P.M. to 8:16 P.M. our presenter Bob Heil, K9EID gave his presentation on "The Importance of Speech Articulation."

We did not have a roundtable this month.

At 8:50 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.



Treasurer's Report

Income for January: \$300.00 for membership

Expenses for January: None

Balance on 2/19/2021 \$6,520.55

Randy, KQ6RS

Yahoo groups ceased operation this past December. The SDDXC reflector has now been switched over to groups.io.

If you haven't already, you can subscribe by going to SDDXC-News+subscribe@groups.io.

If they have trouble, they can send me an email and I will send them an "invite" which will simplify their subscription procedure.

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SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS

		2/21	2/20	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N0RR	40	329	340	340	-		
2.	2.	K6AM	40	322	330	331	-		
3.	3.	N6CW	40	?	297	325	-		
4.	4.	W6YI	40	306	313	320	-		
5.	5.	K6XT	40	290	298	298	-		
6.	6.	K0XB	40	285	291	297	-		
7.	7.	K6ZH	40	268	275	287	-		
8.	8.	WN6K	40	258	264	287	-		
9.	9.	N7CW	40	258	258	284	-		
10.	10.	NA6L	38	270	270	275	-		

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS

		2/21	2/20	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N0RR	40	338	351	351	-		
2.	3.	K6XT	40	336	349	349	+9		
3.	2.	W6YI	40	335	340	341	-		
4.	4.	K6AM	40	330	337	338	-		
5.	5.	N6CW	40	?	302	332	-		
6.	6.	N7CW	40	320	320	329	-		
7.	7.	K6ZH	39	290	296	305	-		
8.	-.	NE6I	40	267	272	278	NEW		
9.	8.	WN6K	40	238	244	259	-		
10.	9.	K0XB	40	247	249	255	-		

We are seeing only one newcomer and one error correction this time. Things have settled in for the long slumber with most gains slowing to a stop. 40 remains active but I suspect many of you are still on pause.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2020

None of our rookies submitted their scores for 2020 so the award goes unclaimed this year. If you work a bunch of all time new ones in 2021, be sure to submit your totals on the web site. You will be listed in upcoming ladders and may be the 2021 ROTY.

John, K6AM

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM

2020 CQ WPX PHONE DX CONTEST



CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SO HP ALL	NO6T @WA6TQT (KI6RRN op)	4,528,238	2,538	781	#1 W6 #15 US
SO LP ALL	NT6Q (N5ZO op)	1,681,414	1,784	581	#1 W6 #4 US
MS	NX6T N6KI N6ERD W2PWS N6CY	538,056	699	376	#3 W6 #12 US
SO LP ALL	WN6K	190,509	492	251	#3 W6
SO HP ALL	K6NA	41,412	139	119	
SO HP ALL	W6JBR	27,795	145	109	
SO LP ALL	W6ZAR	6,392	76	68	

2021 is the Year of the Ox according to Chinese zodiac. This is a Year of Metal Ox, starting from Feb. 12, 2021 ([Chinese New Year](#)) and lasting to Jan. 31, 2022. Ox is the second in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac sign. Years of the Ox include 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033...

Oxen used to be capable farming tools in an agricultural society, which attach to the symbol of diligence, persistence, and honesty. In Chinese culture, Ox is a faithful friend that made great contributions to the development of the society. Like the ox, people born in the Year of the Ox are industrious, cautious, hold their faith firmly, and always glad to offer help.

It is said that Ox ranks the second among the Chinese zodiacs because it helped the Rat but was later tricked by it. The myth goes that the Jade Emperor declared the order of zodiac signs would be based on the arrival orders of 12 animals. Ox could have arrived the first but it kindly gave a ride to Rat. However, when arriving, Rat just jumped to the terminus ahead of Ox, and thus Ox lost the first place.

Earthly Branch of Birth Year: Chou
Wu Xing (The Five Elements): Tu (Earth)
Yin Yang: Yin

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY

"Wishing you great happiness and prosperity" (*Gung hay fat choy*) in Cantonese or (*Gong xi fa cai*) in Mandarin both written 新年快乐 in simplified Chinese characters. According to the Chinese Zodiac, your Editor

 was born in the Year of the Dog (*XU*). *XU* is the eleventh of the 12-year cycle of animals and people born during *XU* years are said to be generous and loyal with the ability to work well with others. Compatible with the horse and the tiger, my opposite is the DRAGON. Other *XU*-born folks include: Michael Jackson, Mariah Carey, Jennifer Lopez and Madonna. Our DRAGON opposites include Rihanna, Bruce Lee, Sandra Bullock and John Lennon. Go figure.



Is the South China Sea DXCC Entity List in Flux?

With the recent spate of activity in the South China Sea, the DXCC entity status of the area may be entering a period of some uncertainty. I have written several times about this part of the world and expect to write further as the situation unfolds. Presented below is portion of a dispatch from **Martin Petty writing for Reuters** on the subject.



A U.S. aircraft carrier group led by the USS Theodore Roosevelt entered the South China Sea over the weekend to promote "freedom of the seas" at a time of U.S. concern about China-Taiwan tensions and Beijing asserting its maritime agenda.

Taiwan, meanwhile, reported an incursion of Chinese bombers and fighter jets into its air defense identification zone.

The patrol comes just days after Joe Biden was sworn in as U.S. president and follows a year of repeated demonstrations of military power by both Beijing and Washington.

China has complained about U.S. vessels in the South China Sea close to islands it controls, claims, or constructed and turned into military installations.

The Trump and Obama administrations carried out such patrols regularly, ostensibly to challenge China's "nine-dash line" claim to jurisdiction over almost the entire South China Sea, which an international arbitral tribunal ruled has no legal basis.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said Saturday's patrol was to "ensure freedom of the seas, (and) build partnerships that foster maritime security" suggesting Biden, as with the "pivot" strategy of the Obama administration he served as vice president, will pursue deeper engagement and alliance-building in Southeast Asia, to try to prevent China establishing regional hegemony.

Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei, as well as Taiwan, have territorial claims in the waterway and largely welcome the U.S. presence, mainly as a check on China's militarization and its vast coast guard and fishing fleet.

Southeast Asian countries last year expressed worry that the escalating U.S.-China tensions could lead to military confrontation, with potential for big disruptions to a vital trade route, which would have devastating consequences for their economies.

The United States has accused China of bullying and attempting to build a "maritime empire", announcing several rounds of sanctions on Chinese state companies involved in building artificial islands.

China sees the United States as an outsider interfering in a region in which it sees itself as a force for peace and stability.

"It's business as usual for strategic competition," said Renato de Castro, a defense expert at Manila's De La Salle University, adding the U.S. patrol was "both reassuring and concerning".

"The Biden administration cannot show weakness in foreign policy," he added.

Tensions have risen as a result of what the United States saw as underhanded tactics by China to advance its territorial claims while its neighbors were fighting coronavirus epidemics.

Vietnam and the Philippines have protested China's establishment of administrative districts in the disputed Paracel islands and in the Spratly islands. Protests also followed China's military drills near the Paracels, including the firing of ballistic missiles from several locations into waters nearby.

Chinese coastguard and survey vessels were repeatedly tracked in 2020 near energy exploration in offshore plots operated by Malaysia and Vietnam, disrupting activities and leading to weeks-long standoffs.

Bob, K9RHY

ARRL terminating DXAC and CAC

from the FB group My ARRL Voice and the NIDXA Reflector:

There are 17 members of the DXAC.

5 have posted spots in 2021

8 posted spots in 2020, but 3 of those posted a total of 6 DX spots

3 last posted in 2019

1 last posted in 2009!!!!

Some of the members have been on the DXAC for a very long period of time.

Some DXers opine that the DXAC has lost its credibility. A re-vamping may be called for.

Some have expressed the opinion that the members of the ARRL DX advisory activity to be active on the air on all modes.

Some believe that the principal objection is the fact that this was put on the agenda for the ARRL BOD meeting without any opportunity for input from the membership.

These two committees were established in the early '70s. They have always been purely advisory, but in the early days there were quite a few issues they studied and there was quite a bit of interest in what they were doing.

More recently, their activity has been at a much lower level. Some committee members have had their appointments for decades. Some think the recommendation that committee members serve for no longer than six years is a good idea.

The way I've understood it, to this point, the CAC and DXAC provided recommendations to the board, and the board had the final decision on the matter. This new structure doesn't appear to change that

Reading the proposal, I don't see that they are just ending these two committees, but are replacing them with something of a different structure. From what I am reading in the proposal, this could end up being better. Instead of having a select group of people that are always on the committee until they are replaced (unsure about that process), they will now have a larger pool of people from which to select. Each director nominates people from their region to be in the pool for their term. Based on the project/task at hand, the smaller group would be created from that pool of people based on expertise and location. This seems to me like it would be a better solution, as expertise can be matched to what needs to be accomplished, not just having the same people working on something every time.. No offense intended to those on the current committees.

(Since the ARRL BOD's decision overruling the DXAC's recommendation concerning the new entity status conferred on Scarborough Reef (BS7H), your Editor refrains from commenting in any way on the DXAC or the ARRL BOD. This material is presented "as is". A copy of the Motion follows.)

ARRL terminating DXAC and CAC

Motion to Reorganize the PSC Advisory Committees

PSC Motion #1

Moved: Mr. Norris

Seconded: Mr. Ritz

Whereas: ARRL Bylaw 39 states the role and responsibilities of the Programs and Services Committee and

Whereas: The rules and regulations concerning advisory committees provides for the organization, structure, and functions of the advisory committees, and

Whereas: Rule 1 states that the “Authority for establishing, terminating, or modifying terms of reference of any Advisory Committee rests with the Board of Directors” and

Whereas: At both of its 2018 meetings, the ARRL Executive Committee discussed the possibility of revising the advisory committee structure and directed that the Programs and Services Committee consider preparing a proposal on the matter, and

Whereas: The 2020 Programs and Services Committee has determined that it is both desirable and necessary to revamp and reorganize the advisory committees in order to:

- ❑ Expedite the response to studies of specific issues and questions
- ❑ Enhance communications between PSC and advisory committees
- ❑ Effectively utilize the subject matter expertise of our volunteer members on various tasking issues
- ❑ Expeditiously expand tasking and receive advice on a wide range of subjects in addition to DX and Contests

Therefore, be it resolved that the current “Rules and Regulations Concerning Advisory Committees” be replaced with new rules and regulations to be drafted by ARRL HQ Staff and approved by the Executive Committee. The new rules and regulations are to be aligned with the following provisions:

1. The current Advisory Committees (DXAC & CAC) be sunset on June 30, 2021 with thanks.
2. The current advisory committees be replaced with a vetted pool of volunteer experts from which the PSC would select individuals for specific working group tasking.
3. Each Director would seek out and vet a cohort of active ARRL members from within their division with interest and experience in various aspects of the hobby. Special emphasis would be paid to individuals with special skills/interests in various areas of the hobby.

They would include active ARRL members that have expertise in various contesting, DXing or other interest areas that from time to time are brought to the ARRL Board’s Programs and Services Committee for consideration. While “generalists” may be included, those with special talents – such as log checking, operating protocols and procedures, awards criteria, for examples – should be especially sought.

4. Individuals are admitted to the pool by the director's vetting and recommendation **plus** PSC's acceptance (to avoid too many in one area and none in another area of interest).
5. Individuals appointed to the Working Group Pool serve through to the next election cycle for Director in the division. When a Director starts a new term, they would need to re-appoint an individual to a new term. A member of the pool may be removed at the discretion of the PSC in consultation with the Director. Should a member of the pool move to another division, their current appointment is cancelled but would be eligible for re-appointment from the new division.
6. The PSC would develop a standardized questionnaire for each candidate to complete. The purpose of the questionnaire is to capture the individuals' experience, skills, and areas of interest/expertise. This data would be administered and maintained by the HQ staff liaison to PSC. Its purpose would be two-fold: 1) to ensure the pool of volunteers covers the necessary range of expertise and interests anticipated to be needed by PSC and 2) to aid PSC in the selection of qualified individuals for a specific working group tasking.
7. After vetting and acceptance, each Director would submit names of potential volunteers as they wish to the Radiosport & Field Services Manager, who would maintain the list of available volunteers. There is no minimum or maximum number of names a Director may have on the list at any time. The goal is to identify the best resources on a wide variety of topics that are willing to serve.
8. When the Programs and Services Committee wishes to have expert input for a topic under discussion, the PSC Chairman, in conjunction with the Radiosport & Field Services Manager, and the PSC liaison to specific program area will select a short term working group from the developed volunteer pool to evaluate and address the tasking presented by the PSC.
9. While no minimum or maximum number of members for any working group is predetermined, it is envisioned that the group in general be a small number in order to help facilitate the work and efficiency of each group. A suggested size would generally be between five and seven individuals, including the group chairman.
10. The PSC Chairman will appoint from the individuals selected one group member to serve as chairman of each appointed working group.
11. While the a working group may seek input from non-members of the group, each working group should be mindful that some taskings that they are presented may be sensitive in nature. As such, working group members need to be mindful of the confidentiality of their work. If the working group believes input from a larger number of the ARRL membership would benefit their work, they should request permission in advance from the PSC Chairman before taking their discussions public for input.

12. The President of the ARRL, in consultation with the Programs and Services Chairman, shall appoint a PSC staff liaison for each broad operating area that implements this structure, similar to the current CAC and DXAC Board liaisons.
13. Each PSC tasking presented to an appointed working group should include specific directions, questions and issues for the group and should include a definitive timeline for the working group's written report to be delivered back to the PSC.
14. Once the PSC reviews the tasking report, the working group is then sunset automatically, unless the PSC requests clarification or further input on the topic under study.
15. There is no limit on the number of times any single individual may be appointed to an advisory working group, but the PSC Chairman and Radiosport & Field Services manager are encouraged to select qualified volunteers from each Division regularly.
16. The Programs and Services Committee, working in conjunction with all members of the ARRL Board and Officers, as well as Headquarters staff, shall develop a means to evaluate on a regular basis the areas of expertise that might be useful when assembling the advisory working group pool of volunteers.
17. At the discretion of their Director, individuals appointed to the advisory committee working group pool should be available, from time to time, to assist the Director in gathering general interests and concerns at hamfests, conventions, and radio club meetings. It is the responsibility of each Director to evaluate the input brought to them by the volunteers, and determine what, if any, merit being forwarded to the Programs and Services Committee for possible consideration.
18. This advisory committee working group model shall initially be used by the PSC for the broad areas of Contesting and DXing. At the discretion of the PSC and with the consent of the Board, this model may be expanded to other areas for which the PSC has oversight jurisdiction.

ESTIMATED COST TO IMPLEMENT: The staff time necessary to develop and vet the pools at about 20 hours. Since it is part of their workload already allotted as staff liaisons to the PSC or current advisory committee, there really is no additional cost of labor.

Countdown to W4DXCC

September 24th and 25th, 2021, Pigeon Forge, TN

Breaking News!

Hello Friends and Club Officials

Please pass along this W4DXCC Convention announcement to your club members and friends.

We are **EXCITED** to report that the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention **WILL** hold it's 16th convention September 24-25th, 2021!!

We have an awesome group of presenters this year that I know will interest everyone. Friday is the Ham Radio Bootcamp where we do our best to provide the knowledge to New and Experienced Hams alike.

Saturday is the main convention where we have numerous well known presenters, giving you the inside scoop on what is going on in amateur radio. Following each presentation we have time for questions if you would like to know more.

We have the leading radio and equipment manufacturers setup in the lobby with the latest gear for you to twist the knobs. More importantly you can have a one on one to ask questions about the gear with the company representative in a relaxed environment.

We have a fully operational Ham Shack setup where you can come learn and make QSO's in different modes.

It is time to make your Hotel reservations for this years convention. You can **NOT** make Online reservations for this event!

Call them on the phone at 865 428-8350 and be sure to tell them you are with **W4DXCC** to get the special rate.

Convention Registration will open soon including Online Ticket Purchasing. Coming Soon.

Check out the Website and learn about the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention. Go Here [W4DXCC Convention](#)

Best 73

**See you soon,
Dave Anderson, K4SV
Convention leader**